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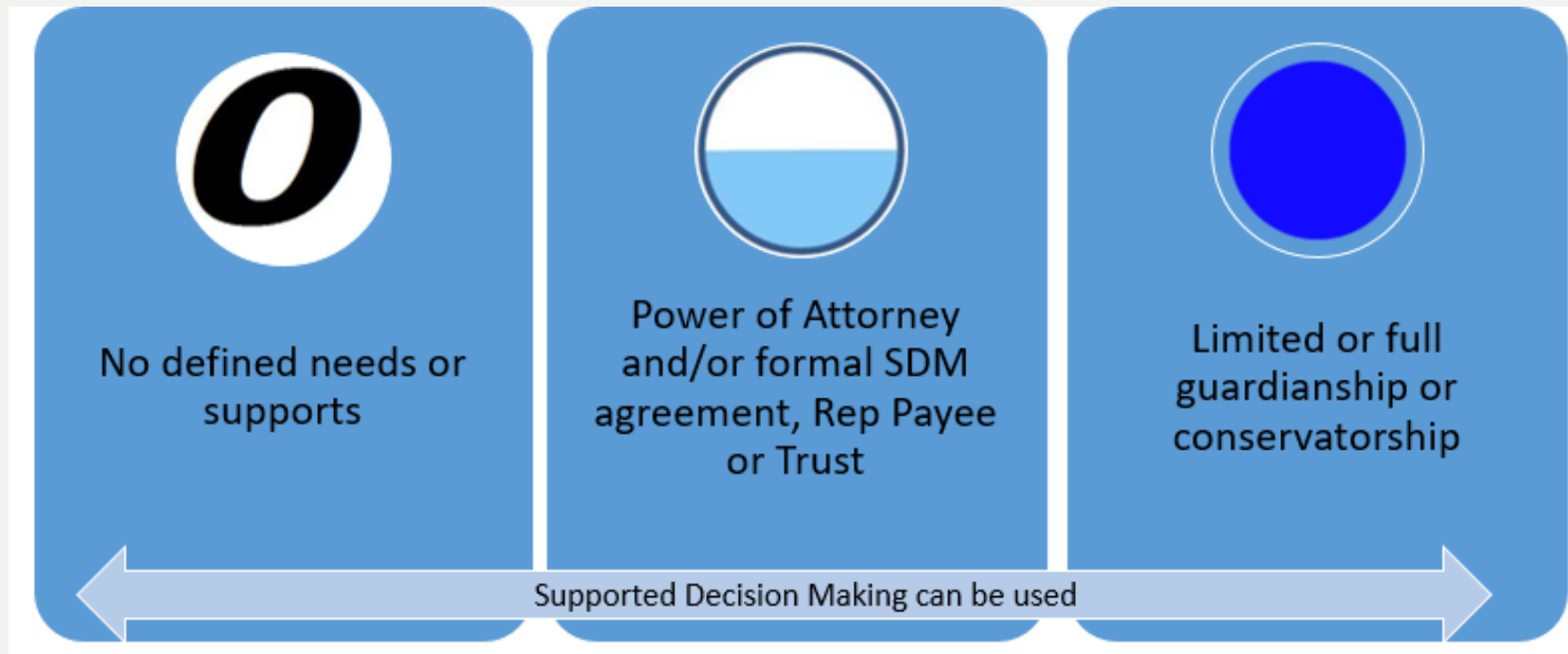
# **3 MINUTE WEBINARS:**

**SUPPORTED DECISION MAKING WITH  
GUARDIANSHIP**

**PRESENTED BY LUCY BEADNELL**

# SUPPORTED DECISION MAKING IS ALWAYS AN OPTION

- SDM and guardianship should both be focused on the needs, wishes, and culture of the person with a disability
- Decisions should reflect the person, not the abstract “best”



# SDM AS A PATH OUT OF GUARDIANSHIP

- SDM has been used as a way to remove guardianship
- SDM can be layered with other supports
  - POAs
  - Special Needs Trust/ABLE
  - Supportive team



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  - Aging with a Disability